

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 3-4 and 7 remain pending.

Withdrawn Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 8-11 have been cancelled by the foregoing amendments, with reservation of the right to file one or more divisional applications directed thereto.

Independent Claims 3 and 7 have each been amended, by the foregoing amendments, to more clearly recite the novel features of the present invention, as discussed in further detail hereinbelow. Dependent Claim 4 remains un-amended.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

On page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 3-4 and 7 have been rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as being indefinite because the upper limit of the range recited in Claim 3, "... from 1 hour to several weeks ..." is unclear.

By the foregoing amendments, each of independent Claims 3 and 7 have been amended to recite the aforesaid range as "... from 1 hour to 7 days ...", which recites a clear upper limit of 7 days. Although the Examiner did not expressly include independent Claim 7 in this rejection, it contained the same objectionable language as Claim 3 and, therefore, has been similarly amended. The amendments to independent Claims 3 and 7 are supported by the present specification, as filed, at page 11, line 19. It is believed that this amendment overcomes this rejection, under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and, therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn. It is believed that Claims 3, 4 and 7 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

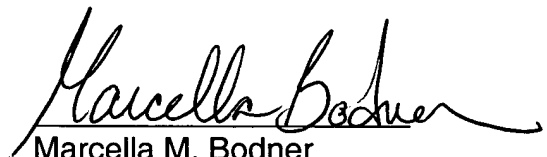
Based upon the foregoing amendment and Remarks, Applicants and their attorney hereby respectfully request re-examination and allowance of the present application, including amended independent Claims 3 and 7, as well as dependent Claim 4, which depend therefrom.

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No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any such fees are due, including extension and petition fees, in connection with the submission of this Amendment, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them, as well to credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 18-1850**.

Respectfully submitted,

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